Problems faced by Senior Citizens in CGHS Dispensaries

541. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties and problems being faced by the senior citizens in the CGHS dispensaries in the far-flung colonies in outer Delhi areas; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard, so as to provide appropriate facilities to the senior citizens most of whom have paid whole-life contributions for retaining CGHS medical services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Adequate medical facilities are available to the CGHS pensioner beneficiaries (Senior Citizens) through the dispensaries under CGHS, Delhi which is nearest to their place of residence.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

Female Foeticides in Punjab

542. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the alarming levels of female foeticides in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.RAJA): (a) and (b) No specific data is available on female foeticide. However, the sex ratio in the age group of 0-6 years in Punjab has decreased from 875 in 1991 to 793 in 2001, from which it may be inferred that female foeticide could be one of the reasons for this decline.

To contain female foeticide, the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 now Pre-Conception and Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act was enacted which came into force from 1 January, 1996. The Act and Rules have been amended for strengthening the enforcement of the Act